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TREATING A FRACTURE OF A BONE

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 11, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file for the above-identified application. Applicant submits these amendments and remarks serve to clarify the present invention and are independent of patentability.